

Application No. 09/960,606

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~combination~~ plastic molded drum, ~~and closure,~~ having a bung opening, the plastic molded drum comprising a cylindrical wall, a top structure, and a bottom structure; ~~the top structure, the cylindrical wall, and the bottom structure,~~ all integrally molded;

the top structure comprising a top wall and a chime having a top edge extending circumferentially around, upwardly, and radially outward with respect to said top wall, the top wall comprising an integrally molded recessed portion, the top structure further comprising an upwardly extending first fitting integrally molded with the recessed portion and extending therefrom, the first fitting having a first neck portion and adapted to receive components including a closure;

wherein at least the chime, the top wall, and the cylindrical wall are integrally molded so that there are no welded portions connecting the chime with the top wall or the cylindrical wall, and so that there are no welded portions connecting the top wall with the cylindrical wall;

wherein the distance from the recessed portion to the top of the first fitting to the top edge of the chime is about 1 to 1 1/4 inches and wherein the distance from the recess portion to the top of the top edge of the chime is 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 inches is sufficient such that components extending 1 and 1/4 inches above the top of the first fitting is below the top edge of the chime; and
~~the recessed portion positioned such that the first fitting, and the closure do not extend above the top edge of the chime.~~

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2. (Original) The ~~combination~~ plastic molded drum of claim 1 wherein the recessed portion is localized around the first fitting.

3. (Original) The ~~combination~~ plastic molded drum of claim 1 ~~wherein the recessed portion extends substantially throughout the top wall~~ further comprising a bottom chime integrally molded so that there are no welded portions connecting the bottom chime with the bottom wall or the cylindrical wall.

4. (Original) The ~~combination~~ plastic molded drum of claim 1 wherein the closure comprises a vent outlet and a vent valve for relieving pressure within the drum.

5. (Previously Amended) The plastic molded drum ~~combination~~ of claim 4 further comprising a cover extending over the vent outlet, and vent valve.

6. (Currently Amended) A combination blow molded plastic drum, and closure, the plastic molded drum comprising, a cylindrical wall, a top structure, and a bottom structure, the top structure and the cylindrical wall integrally molded;

the top structure comprising a top wall, an integral recessed portion, an upwardly extending first fitting extending from the recessed portion, and an upwardly extending chime with a top edge; the top wall, the recessed portion, the first fitting, and the chime all integrally molded wherein at least the chime, the top wall, and the cylindrical wall are integrally molded in one piece so that there are no welded portions connecting the chime with the top wall or the cylindrical wall, and so that there are no welded portions connecting the top wall with the cylindrical wall;

the closure engageable with the first fitting to secure the closure in place on the drum; and

the chime extending above the closure when the closure is secured on the drum insert, the chime extending above the recessed portion 1 ½ to 2 ¼ inches; and

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the distance between the first fitting and the top edge of the chime is sufficient such that where components attach to and extends 1 and 1/4 inches above the first fitting, the components do not extend above the top edge of the chime.

7. (Original) The combination of claim 6, wherein the recessed portion is localized around the first fitting.

8. (Original) The combination of claim 6, wherein the ~~recessed portion extends substantially throughout the top wall~~ closure is attached to a drum insert with the drum insert attached to the first fitting.

9. (Original) The combination of claim 6, wherein the closure comprises a vent outlet and a vent valve for relieving pressure within the drum.

10. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 6, wherein the first fitting extends from the recessed portion a distance not more than substantially one half the vertical distance between the recessed portion and the top edge of the upwardly extending chime.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A combination blow molded plastic drum, and closure, the plastic molded drum~~ made by a process comprising blow molding said drum as a one-piece, integrally molded body including a cylindrical wall, a top structure, and a bottom structure, the top structure and the cylindrical wall integrally molded;

the top structure comprising a top wall, an integral recessed portion, an upwardly extending first fitting, and an upwardly extending chime having a top edge, wherein the chime, the top wall, and the cylindrical wall are integrally molded so that there are no welded portions connecting the chime with the top wall or the cylindrical wall, and so that there are no welded portions connecting the top wall with the cylindrical wall; the top

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~~wall, the recessed portion, the first fitting, and the chime all integrally molded;~~

the first fitting adapted to receive a drum insert with the a closure secureable on the drum insert engageable with the second fitting to secure the closure in place on the drum, the chime extending above the closure when the closure is secured on the drum insert and the drum insert is received on the first fitting, the height of the chime sufficient to allow a the closure to extend 1 1/4 inches above the top of the first fitting and be below the top edge of the chime.

12. (Currently Amended) The drum ~~combination~~ of claim 11, wherein the recessed portion is localized around the first fitting.

13. (Currently Amended) The drum ~~combination~~ of claim 11, wherein the recessed portion extends substantially throughout the top wall.

14. (Currently Amended) The drum ~~combination~~ of claim 11, wherein the closure comprises a vent outlet and a vent valve for relieving pressure within the drum.

15. (Currently Amended) The drum ~~combination~~ of claim 11, wherein the first fitting extends from the recessed portion a distance not more than substantially one half the vertical distance between the recessed portion and the top edge of the ~~upper~~wardly extending chime.

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